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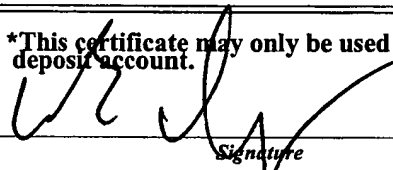
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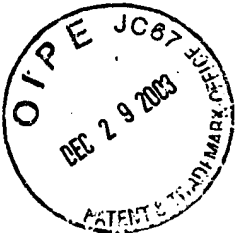
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| <u>Document No.</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Inventor</u> |
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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| EP 0 708 417 | 4-24-96 | European |
| EP 0 823 694 | 2-11-98 | European |
| EP 0 829 828 | 3-18-98 | European |
| EP 0 950 968 | 10-20-99 | European |
| EP 1 103 922 | 5-30-01 | European |

Netherlands 9 301 902 relates to computerized ticketing for e.g., theatre, sports arena which involves using a personal smart card to pay for access to an event and as a ticket to gain access at an event turnstile.

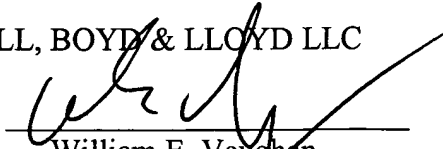
European EP 1 103 922 relates to a reservation booking method for events which has a signal transmitted back to a customer upon logging booking by an agent for storage of entry.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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